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BEGIN SUMMARY: NDP NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN O SE-UNG QUESTIONED FONMIN EXTENSIVELY IN OPEN FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SESSION ABOUT U.S. PRESS ALLEGATIONS REGARDING ILLICIT ACTIVITIES OF ROKG/KCIA, PAK TONG-SUN AND UNIFICATION CHURCH. FONMIN RESPONDED THAT ROKG HAD NO HAND IN THESE ATTEMPTS AND NO DIRECT CONNECTION WITH PAK TONG-SUN.

ALSO WELCOMED ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER AND SAW IN GENERAL NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD KOREA. END SUMMARY.

1. ON NOVEMBER 4 NDP NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN O SE-UNG, (HENRY O), PUT SERIES OF POINTED QUESTIONS TO ROKG FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN ON RECENT ALLEGATIONS IN U.S. PRESS THAT ROKG

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AND/OR KCIA WERE INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTS TO BRIBE U.S. CONGRESSMEN THROUGH SUSPECTED AGENTS PAK TONG-SUN AND UNIFICATION CHURCH OFFICIAL PAK PO-HI. F

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2. O FIRST REVIEWED HIS PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TO ROKG CONCERNING PAK TONG-SUN'S ALLEGED POCKETING OF 1.5 MILLION DOLLAR COMMISSION FOR PURCHASE OF U.S. CRAFT AND PARTS CONNECTION WITH EX-CONGRESSMAN RICHARD HANNA. IN THIS REVIEW, O NOTED THAT HE HAD PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT PAK TONG-SUN FREQUENTLY HAD CAUSED EMBARRASSMENT TO ROK EMBASSADOR TO U.S. AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR PHILIP HABIB. [illegible] IN U.S. STATE DEPT. OR WHITE HOUSE COULD UNDERSTAND WHY PAK, WHY CAN'T ROKG DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM?" [illegible] NEW-YORK TIMES NOTED ALLEGATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PRINTED ABOUT PAK IN AMERICAN PRESS, PARTICULARLY WASHINGTON POST. MR. O ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT COULD MOFA DO ABOUT THESE ALLEGATIONS AND "WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREVENT SENATORS LIKE FRASER AND CRANSTON FROM EXPLOITING SUCH ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ROKG?"

3. MR O ALSO ASKED SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT ROKG INVOLVEMENT WITH SUCH FIGURES AS SUSIE PARK THOMSON, UNIFICATION CHURCH'S PAK PO-HI, KOREAN BUSINESSMAN KIM HAN-CHI (WHOSE WIFE ALLEGEDLY HOLD LINGERIE AND COSMETICS SHIPPED TO HER VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH) AND OTHERS. HE ALSO BROUGHT UP U.S. ARMY CONTRACT INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY SENATOR PROXMIRE. O SAID THAT "UNLESS KIM IL-SUNG COLLAPSES ON HIS OWN WE NEED U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA." BECAUSE OF THEIR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA AND BECAUSE OF THESE SCANDALS, US CONGRESSMAN ARE QUESTIONING CONTINUED US SUPPORT FOR KOREA. HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM, HE SAID, MUST BE DEALT WITH CAREFULLY BY ROKG.

4. IN HIS QUESTIONING MR. O NOTED THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER HAD BEEN ADVOCATING REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR ARMS AS WELL AS GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM KOREA. IN LIGHT OF CARTER'S ELECTION, O ASKED, WHAT CHANGES DOES MOFA EXPECT IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD KOREA?

5. FONMIN RESPONDED TO MR. O BY FIRST COMPLIMENTING PRESI-



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DENT-ELECT CARTER ON HIS ELECTION, STATING THAT HE HOPED THAT US FRIENDLY POLICY TOWARD KOREA CONTINUES. HE SAID HE FORESAW NO BASIC CHANGE IN US POLICY AND SAW NO NEED FOR ALARM. DURING CAMPAIGN FONMIN NOTED THAT THERE WAS SOME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CARTER AND PRESIDENT FORD ON ISSUES OF GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES AND WITHDRAWAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT WITH THOSE EXCEPTIONS THIS DEAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO LEADERS WAS ESSENTIALLY ONE OF "STYLE" AND NOT POLICY. HE NOTED THAT CAMPAIGN RHETORIC DOES NOT ALWAYS APPEAR AS POLICY ONCE PRESIDENT IS INAUGURATED. CARTER HAD SAID THAT GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS WOULD BE DONE ONLY WITH PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH KOREA AND JAPAN. FONMIN EXPECTED NO RASH ACTIONS FROM US AND SAID THAT KOREA, THROUGH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, SHOULD TRY TO MAINTAIN CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES WITH U.S.

6. AS FOR PAK TONG-SON, FONMIN SAID THAT ROKG HAD NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, THAT PAK IS PRIVATE BUSINESSMAN. HE THEN STATED THAT ROKG ALSO HAD "NO RELATIONSHIP WITH UNIFICATION CHURCH'S PAK PO-HI. IN SUM, HE SAID, OUR POSITION IS THAT ANY ISSUES CONCERNING THESE TWO FIGURES ARE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE US GOVERNMENT. US DOMESTIC LAW GOVERNS DISPOSITION OF THEIR CASES. HE ANSWERED QUESTIONS CONCERNING ROK/CIA OBLIQUELY BY STATING THAT HE WOULD "CONSULT WITH OTHER AGENCIES IN GOVERNMENT WHO ARE CONCERNED." FONMIN ADDED WITH REGARD TO UNIFICATON CHURCH THAT "MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT THERE IS PROBLEM OF EMERGING NEW RELIGION AND THE ALREADY EXISTING CHRISTIAN WORLD." HE SAID DIFFERENCE IS CULTURAL ONE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. PROBLEM, HE SAID, IS THAT UNIFICATION CHURCH IS ORIENTAL. FONMIN SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH MINISTRY CONCERNED ON ALLEGATIONS DEVELOPED IN PROXMIRE HEARING ON U,S. ARMY CONTRACTS.

7. TURNING TO HUMAN RIGHTS, FONMIN SAID HE WAS AWARE OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES, THEN QUESTIONED WHETHER U. . AID LEVELS SHOULD BE DETERMINED ON BASIS JUDGEMENT OF FOREIGN NATION'S DOMESTIC SITUATION? U.S. AID IS IMPORTANT BUT AID ALONE IS NOT ONLY OR BEST METHOD OF STRENGTHENING TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. WITHOLDING 20 MILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS IS NEIGHER WISE NOR
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EFFECTIVE, HE NOTED. IT WASNOT U.S. ADMINISTRATION PRESSING ISSUE BUT U.S. CONGRESS. HE WOULD, PAK SAID, CONTINUE TO MAKE REAL SITUATION IN KOREA KNNOWN TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

8. ADDRESSING QUESTION OF KCIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN ILLEGAL LOBBYING, PAK COMMENTED MINISTRY CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT KCIA OVERSEAS ACTIVITY. ALL COUNTRIES HAVE INTELLIGENCE AND GOVERNMENTS NEVER DISCUSS IT. AS FOR O SE-KYUNG'S SUGGESTION THAT MOFA UNDERTAKE TO ACT IN PLACE OF KCIA INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, PARK SAID HE WOULD TRY TO DO SO, THEN DECLINED TO COMMENT FURTHER.

9. BOTH DURING AND FOLLOWING SESSION O EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE AGITATION OVER "EVASIVENESS" AND "INADEQUACY" MINISTER'S REPLIES, POINTING OUT THAT DESPITE MINISTER'S STATEMENTS MOST U.S. PRESS HAD CONCLUDED THERE WERE INDEED TIES BETWEEN ROKG, KCIA, PAK TONG-SON, UNIFICATION CHURCH, ETC. O THEN PROCEED REPEATEDLY FOR DISCLOSURE OF FACTS TO KOREAN PEOPLE AND ASKED THAT SESSION BE REPORTED IN PRESS. TO DATE HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH REPORTERS WERE PRESENT AT SESSION, THERE HAS BEEN NO NEWSPAPER OR MEDIA COVERAGE.

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